

# Conservation News

February 2021

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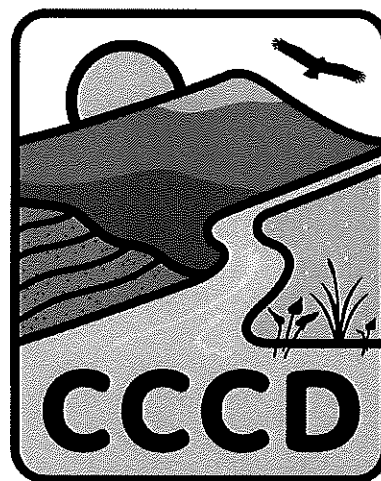
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## Resources & Services

Discover local resources like our [Find A Local Farm Map](#) always available to you at the Cheshire County Conservation District.

**We're here to help with our [Farm Rental Equipment](#)**



CHESHIRE COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



SOIL



WATER



WILDLIFE

## February Blog Article

***Private Landowners  
Say YES to Pollinators!***

By: Todd Horner

**Connect with us on social media**  
for up to date events, articles, and  
information!

The **Conservation Opportunity Fund** is a  
grant program for the everyday person - an  
opportunity to use your small piece of  
property (25 acres or less) to help improve  
the quality of life for wildlife!

Hillside Village in Keene is on their way to  
using grants dollars awarded by the  
CCCD's Conservation Opportunity Fund to  
install a 1/4 acre pollinator garden!

Read all about their project in this month's  
blog and maybe you'll gain some  
inspiration for your own wildlife  
improvement project!

**Click here to read**  
**"Private Landowners Say YES**  
**to Pollinators!"**

## **Nominate Someone for a Conservation Legacy Award!**

*75th Anniversary*

## **Conservation Legacy Awards**

In celebration of NH Conservation  
Districts' 75th Anniversary, each District in  
NH will select one award recipient to  
**honor those who have had a sustained  
commitment to and practice of  
conservation in NH over time!**



## **About the Legacy Awards**

For 75 years NH County Conservation Districts have worked tirelessly with  
landowners and communities to promote the conservation and responsible use of  
natural and agricultural resources.

The Conservation Legacy Award endeavors to shine a spotlight on those who embody this mission. Businesses, organizations, individuals, and families are eligible for the award if they live in or are based in the County and have a minimum of 5 years' experience of sustained commitment to conservation and stewardship.

Nominations can be emailed or mailed to the CCCD.

[You can also access an easy-to-fill online nomination form here.](#)

## Nominations are due by March 31st

[Instructions for Nominations](#)

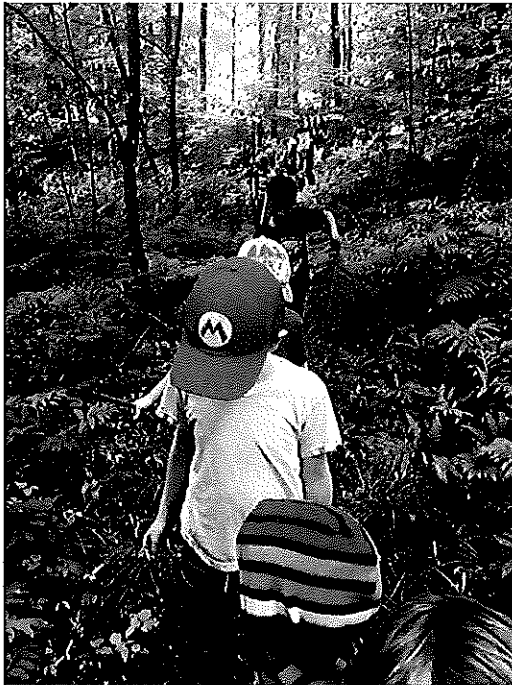
[More about our 75th Celebration](#)

### Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Camp Scholarship



**Now taking applications  
for the Jeffrey P. Smith  
Farm Camp Scholarship!**

Does your child have interest in farms or gardening? Would he or she like to explore these interest this summer? **The Jeffrey P.**



**Smith Farm Scholarship endeavors to connect young people with agriculture and the natural world around them.**

The Monadnock Localvores hope to inspire the next generation of local farmers & local food supporters, by helping regional children experience sustainable farming practices first-hand & watch their efforts bear fruit.

## **Deadline to apply is March 31st**

**JPS Farm Camp Application**

**Monadnock Localvore webpage**

### **Grant \$\$\$ for owners of land (25 acres OR LESS!)**

## **Let us help YOU support wildlife in your backyard!**

**The Conservation Opportunity Fund's** mission is to provide funding for owners of small tracts of land who are interested in improving the wildlife habitat on their property.

This program is an annual opportunity to support environmental stewardship and the ecological integrity of Cheshire County, NH.



## **Apply for up to \$1500!!**

Dollars are provided for wildlife habitat improvement projects such as pollinator gardens, rain garden, stream buffers, etc.

### **1-on-1 assistance available!**

You don't need a fully formed plan to apply - we can help!  
Let us know if you have a unique wildlife improvement project idea you'd like to apply for!

## **Deadline to apply is March 1st!!**

Con Opp Fund 2021 RFP

Con Opp Fund 2021 Application

### **2021 Conservation Plant Sale**



**Deadline to submit your**

## order is February 26th!

This year, Fedco items are going out of stock at record speed! For this reason, prior to submitting your order form, we **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** checking on the availability of items on the Fedco website

Don't forget to also check out our locally sourced mushroom list as well!

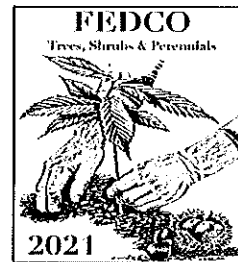
**2021 Order Form**

**2021 Plant Sale Catalog**

**2021 Mushroom List**

### Please Read!

#### Important information about 2021 Plant Sale:



✓ Please only choose plants from the "Trees, Shrubs, & Perennials" catalog **ONLY**.

We **will not accept seed orders** as part of our Plant Sale.

✓ Please **ORDER EARLY!**  
The longer you wait, the more likely your plants will be out of stock.

✓ Please help us, help you!

Before submitting your order form please check to see what is already out of stock:  
[www.fedcoseeds.com/trees/availability](http://www.fedcoseeds.com/trees/availability)

#### View the Catalog online at:

[www.cheshireconservation.org/plant-and-seed-sales](http://www.cheshireconservation.org/plant-and-seed-sales)

#### Don't forget your mushrooms!

Wildland Woods locally grown mushrooms also available for purchase! Mushrooms not included with this order form.

#### Additional Info to Know:

- Socially-distanced Plant Sale Pick-Up Day will be on Saturday April 24, 2021 from 9am-1pm at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, NH on Rte 12
- All plants are here now stock and should be picked up as close to April 24th as possible to ensure the integrity of your plants.
- If you are unable to pick up your plants on Saturday, April 24, 2021 between the hours of 9am-1pm, please contact the CCCD ahead of time to make other pick-up arrangements.

#### Have questions? Contact us!

Email: [lola@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:lola@cheshireconservation.org)  
Phone: 603-756-2988 x3011

Please keep in mind that CCCD staff are working remotely and will get back to voicemails as soon as possible.



*(Click the image above to view larger)*

### **\*\*\*Please use the CCCD order form when submitting your order**

Starting this year, we will be collecting small shipping fees to help us cover the cost of this sale. We thank you for your continued support of the CCCD's Conservation Plant Sale!

Plant Sale Pick Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole.

## Integrated Pest Management Grant for Farms

### IPM Grant available now for farms!

This new grant program provides farmers with the opportunity to purchase and install SWD exclusion netting and/or weather stations linked to the Network for Environment and Weather Applications

(NEWA) and receive technical assistance for the installation and utilization of the equipment.



## **Applications are due by March 1, 2021**

Grant funding pays 75% of the cost of equipment and the farmer is responsible for 25%

[Learn more & Apply](#)

## **Monadnock Region Community Supported Solar**

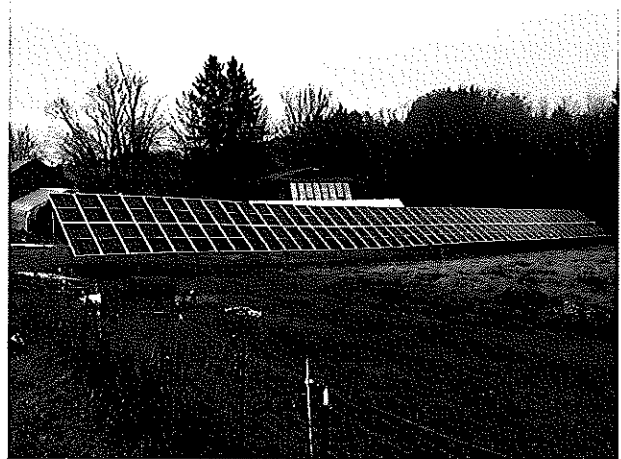


## **Be a part of the CSS Project Family!**

Have you ever dreamed of owning solar, but can't make it happen for one reason or another? Well, here's your chance!

**Shares in this group net metering project are going fast! Don't miss out on your chance to stabilize and lower your electricity costs.**

Shares are available to purchase outright, or utilize our annual payment plan of only \$905/year (for 5 years).



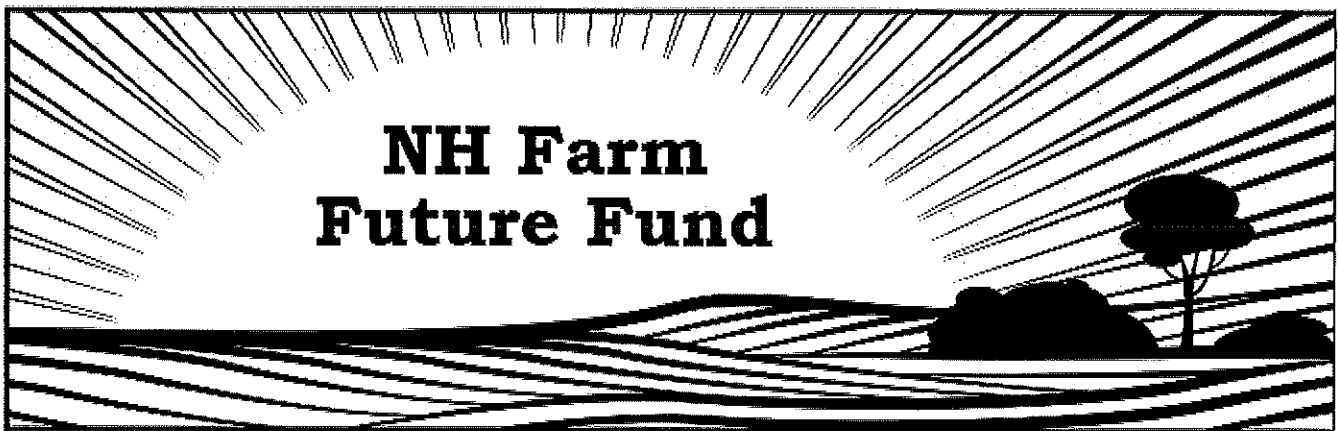
Farmers may purchase as many shares as they want, but the total output cannot exceed the total power the farm consumes on an annual basis.

**Interested farmers should contact Amanda Littleton directly at the CCCD to reserve their shares; first come first served until sold out. Either send an email to [amanda@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:amanda@cheshireconservation.org) or call 607-756-2988 x4 and leave a voicemail.**

**CSS Project Brochure**

**Visit our CSS Webpage**

## **NH Farm Future Fund**



The mission of the NH Farm Future Fund is to provide funding for farm viability planning in concert with the conservation of important agricultural soils. This program will

leverage the singular opportunity of putting a conservation easement on farmland to also invest in the future viability of the farm business. The goal of this fund is to ensure that farmland is conserved, productive, and available for future generations.

**The NH Association of Conservation Districts is excited to once again request proposals from land trusts who seek funding to work with NH farms to conserve their land and improve the viability of their farm business.**

**Deadline to apply is next week: February 15th**

**Visit the NHFFF Website**

## **Events & Community Info**

### **Soil Steamer Workshop**

**Wednesday, March 17th**

**11:00am-1:00pm**

**Online via Zoom**

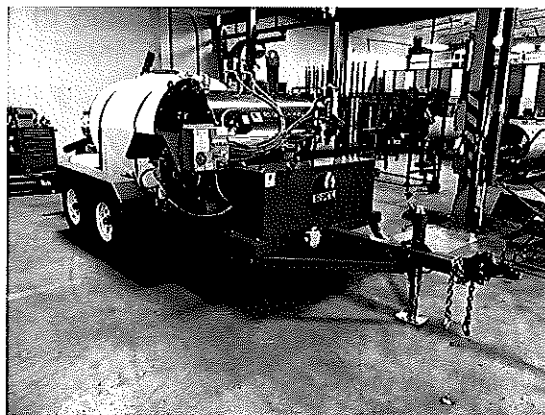
Join the CCCD along with project partners from UVM Extension, Picadilly Farm, NCAT, and UNH Cooperative Extension to discuss and explore our newest piece of farm rental equipment, the Soil Steamer.

Soil steaming is being utilized to manage disease, weeds, and pests in high tunnels. There is also an application for steam in sanitizing greenhouse goods and distribution containers and preparing the ground for a pollinator planting. The use of steam offers a solution to perennial challenges for growers.

**Join us to learn how you can spend more time focused on the plants you want to**



grow, and less time worried about those plants (weeds) you don't want to grow!



**Registration is required to receive the Zoom link**

[Click here to Register](#)

## Energy Audit Grant Fund for farm businesses

**Reduce your energy costs of your small business!**

**Program offers 75% grant towards comprehensive energy audits.**

New Hampshire Small businesses and Agricultural Producers may be eligible for low cost energy audits. The NH Community Development Finance Authority will cover up to 75% of audit costs for eligible businesses.

**Save money, and improve comfort!**

**Contact: Scott Maslansky at CDFA**  
603-717-9123 / [smaslansky@nhcdfa.org](mailto:smaslansky@nhcdfa.org)

**Low-Cost Energy Audit Program**  
**CDFA is Accepting Applications from New Hampshire Agricultural Producers & Rural Small Businesses**

**Up to 75% off the cost of a comprehensive energy audit.**  
**Identify cost-saving opportunities for your business:**

- Insulation
- Lighting
- Heating, Cooling and Ventilation
- Refrigeration
- Equipment and Building Controls
- And More...

**Reduce Energy Costs**  
**Improve Safety, Comfort & Productivity**

For more information and how to apply contact:  
 Scott Maslansky, Director of Clean Energy Finance  
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**CDFA**  
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

CDFA's Clean Energy Fund provides technical and financial resources for economically justified projects that increase efficiency and reduce costs in the generation and utilization of energy. Clean Energy Fund resources are designed to help municipalities, non-profit and businesses in New Hampshire better control their long term energy needs by improving the energy efficiency of their buildings and adding renewable energy technologies when economically appropriate. For more information visit <http://www.nhenergy.org>

CDFA's Energy Audit Program is funded by a USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant.

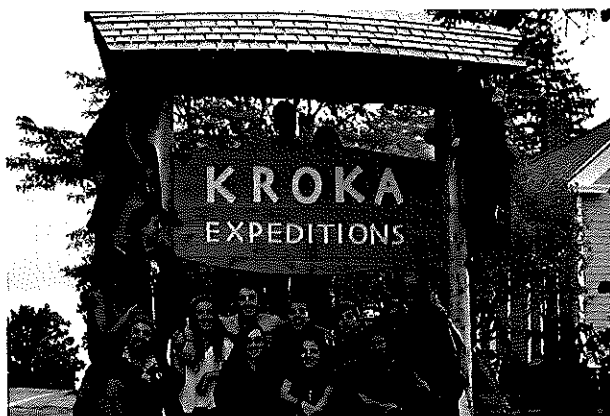
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## Job Posting: Kroka Expeditions Farmer

Kroka is searching for a farmer excited about living and working in community on an educational/production farm with vegetables and livestock. MUST have at LEAST 3 years of farming experience with interest in transitioning into Farm Manager position.

Questions? Contact Lynne Boudreau at Kroka in Marlow, NH: 603-835-9087

**[Click here to find our more!](#)**

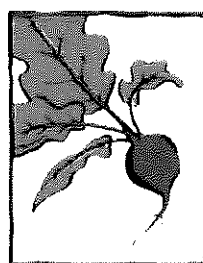


## Job Posting: Keene Farmers' Market Manager

The Farmers' Market of Keene is seeking applicants to fill their Market Manager position. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

A full job description and breakdown of hours, pay, and more can be found on the market's website.

**[Click here to find out more](#)**



KEENE  
FARMERS'  
MARKET

**Due to the recent developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, CCCD events have been canceled, postponed, or moved to a virtual platform.**

**We will continue to monitor the situation to make determinations about any events scheduled for the remainder of the year. We will make determinations on a**

**month-by-month basis until further notice.**

**Please stay tuned to our website or Facebook page  
for up to date information regarding our events.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncertain times. Please know that the CCCD is committed to ensuring the safety & well being of the public. This is our first priority. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the status of our events.

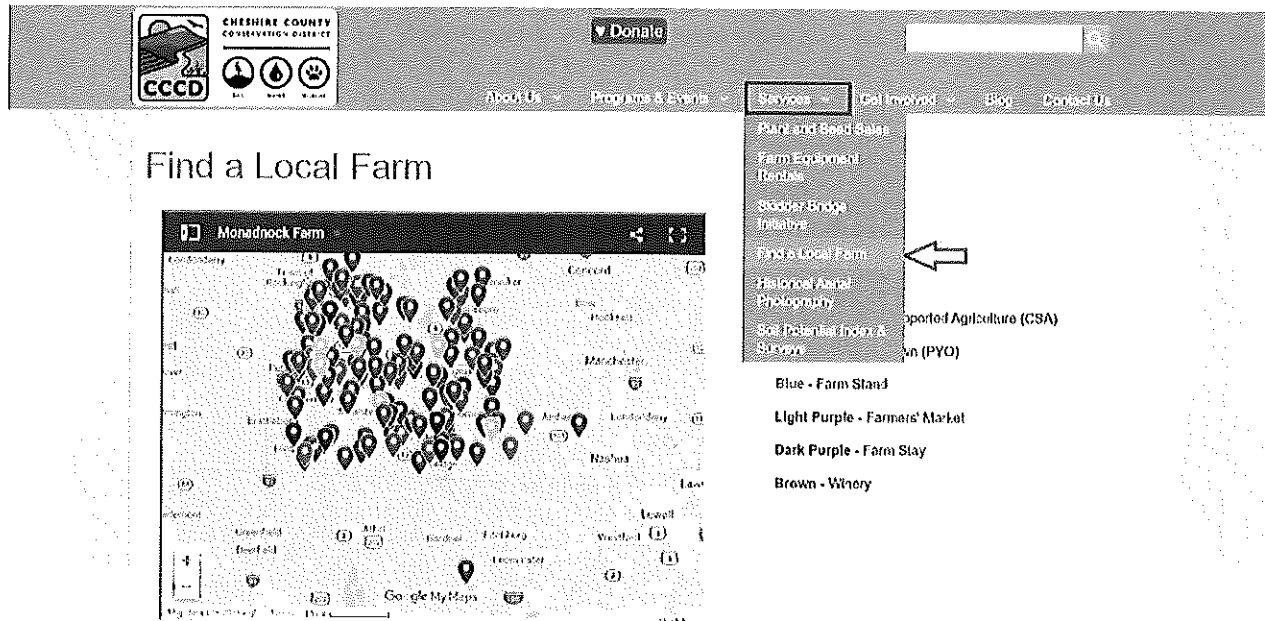
## **Resources & Services**

### **Help Us Update Our Local Farm Map!**

Now more than ever, folks straying away from grocery stores and looking to local farms for fresh food, milk, eggs, bread, etc.

**Help us ensure that folks know  
about your farm's offerings, hours,  
location, & more as we update our  
Find A Local Farm Map!**





### How to Update your farm's info:

- Step 1: Visit the CCCD website here
- Step 2: Use the map to locate your farm
- Step 3: Review your farm's listed information
- Step 4: Email us with any necessary updates

Email to: [Lola@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:Lola@cheshireconservation.org)  
 Subject line: "Farm Map: "Your Farm Name"

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